



Rhode Island NWR Complex 50 Bend Road Charlestown, RI 02813

Kettle Pond: 401/364-9124

Sachuest Point: 401/847-5511



# Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex PUBLIC PROGRAMS, October 2013

- \* Block Island NWR (BI) \* John H. Chafee at Pettaquamscutt Cove (JC) \*
  - \* Kettle Pond Visitor Center (KP) \* Ninigret NWR (NIN) \*
  - \* Sachuest Point NWR (SP) \* Trustom Pond NWR (TP) \*



The Sachuest Point and Kettle Pond Visitor Centers are open daily,  $10:00_{AM}$ — $4:00_{PM}$ . All refuge trails are open sunrise to sunset.

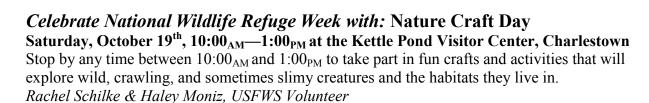
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Talk with Refuge volunteers and staff to see how you might get involved!	2	3	4	9:00 <sub>AM</sub> Introduction to Saltwater Fishing —KP
6	7 10:30 <sub>AM</sub> Wild About Reading —KP	6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Digital Photography Workshop: <i>Camera Menu &amp; Equipment</i> —Cross Mills Public Library	9	Check out our craft table for some fun seasonal activities!	11	12
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20	10:30 <sub>AM</sub> Wild About Reading —KP	6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Digital Photography Workshop: <i>Shutter-Priority,</i> <i>Sport &amp; Wildlife</i> —Cross Mills Public Library	Explore the exhibit hall for an up-close look on what the Rhode Island Refuges have to offer!	24	25	26
27	10:30 <sub>AM</sub> Wild About Reading —KP	6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Digital Photography Workshop: <i>Low &amp; Bright</i> <i>Light, Flash, W B, &amp; ISO</i> — Cross Mills Public Library	30	31	Connect with nature through games and activities in the classroom!	

#### Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week with:

# **Environmental Connection:** a Book Signing and Nature Walk

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00<sub>PM</sub>—4:00<sub>PM</sub> at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown Join us for an afternoon discovery of the Environmental Connection: a look back on a year immersion into Nature, in partnership with the Westerly Land Trust. For 6-8 hours each and every day, Cowley inserted himself mindfully in one of 6 land trust properties attempting fine-tune his language on how he maintains a connection with his environment. He challenges us to take responsibility for the maintenance of these environments through awareness and action, an initiative he outlines called New-Native Foundation. This book signing will be followed by a nature walk through the trails of Kettle Pond.

Keith M. Cowley, author of "Presence", wild forager and educator, and Founder of New-Native





#### Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week with: Wonderous Wolves Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00<sub>PM</sub>—4:00<sub>PM</sub> at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown



Wolves are, unfortunately, one of the most misunderstood animals in the United States. Join Alyssa Grayson, a USFWS Volunteer and Junior Advisor for the Wolf Watchers Coalition, as we get up close and personal with wolves through arts and crafts activities - exploring their life cycle, disbanding the myths and addressing the similarities between wolves and our own household pet dogs! This program is family friendly and all ages are welcome.

Alyssa Grayson, USFWS Volunteer

# National Wildlife Refuge Week 2013: October 13th—October 19th

The nation's 561 national wildlife refuges protect wildlife habitat while cleaning our air, filtering our water and pollinating our crops. They also provide world-class hunting and fishing and hiking. Stop by any of Rhode Island's 5 National Wildlife Refuges to celebrate wildlife with fun activities, free programs, and more! See below for one more way you can celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week:

#### Join the National Wildlife Refuge Week eBird Challenge!

stamp, you'll receive double the entries!

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week! During the week of October 13-19, visit a National Wildlife Refuge, record the species and numbers of birds you see and enter the data on eBird (www.eBird.org). Refuges need more good data on the bird distribution and usage of their properties, and birders using eBird can be a most valuable source of this information. While you are on the refuge, snap a photo of yourself in front of the Refuge sign and send it to the Refuge Week eBird Challenge Facebook page along with the link to your checklist to be entered to win. The more refuges you visit and the more checklists you submit increase your chances of winning. In fact, if your picture shows a current duck

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## **PUBLIC PROGRAMS, October 2013**

These programs are offered FREE to the public by a dedicated and skilled group of volunteers, U. S. Fish & Wildlife staff and local community resources in an effort to increase your enjoyment of the conservation, protection and enhancement of your National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island.

> Check us out Online: http://www.fws.gov/ninigret/complex/ Or on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/rinwrc

Don't forget to look inside for our Program Calendar!

#### **Introduction to Saltwater Fly Fishing**

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00<sub>AM</sub>—3:00<sub>PM</sub> at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown Fall is the best time to fly fish Narragansett Bay! Whether you are a beginner or just need a refresher, this all day workshop will introduce you to the art of fly fishing. The workshop begins at the USFWS Kettle Pond Visitors Center where you will learn about the equipment, how to tie a fly, what knots you need to use and how to cast a fly rod. The afternoon session will take you to one of many fishing spots along Rhode Island's coastline where you will be able to put your skills to work! We provide all the equipment, you just bring a lunch and a pair of waders for this funfilled fishing experience. Families with children 10 and up are welcome! Fee is \$35.00 per person and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information and to register, please contact Kimberly Sullivan at: kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov or 401-539-0037. RIDEM, Aquatic Resource Education

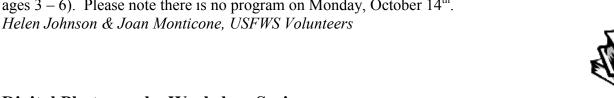


# Wild About Reading

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30<sub>AM</sub>—11:30<sub>AM</sub> at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown Monday, October 21st from 10:30<sub>AM</sub>—11:30<sub>AM</sub> at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30<sub>AM</sub>—11:30<sub>AM</sub> at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown

We will read a nature-based story followed by nature themed activities. Join us for the fun in Kettle Pond's backyard—We'll be exploring something new each week! (best for ages 3-6). Please note there is no program on Monday, October  $14^{th}$ .



### **Digital Photography Workshop Series**

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30<sub>PM</sub>—8:30<sub>PM</sub> at the Cross Mills Public Library, Charlestown Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30<sub>PM</sub>—8:30<sub>PM</sub> at the Cross Mills Public Library, Charlestown Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30<sub>PM</sub>—8:30<sub>PM</sub> at the Cross Mills Public Library, Charlestown

Tuesday, October 29th from 6:30<sub>PM</sub>—8:30<sub>PM</sub> at the Cross Mills Public Library, Charlestown



Join USFWS Volunteer Tom Tetzner for a series of off-refuge photography workshops. Workshop topics include: Camera Menu & Equipment, Aperture-Priority, Landscape & Macro; Shutter-Priority, Sport & Wildlife; and Low & Bright Light, Flash, WB, & ISO. Pre-registration for these programs is required. To preregister, please contact the Cross Mills Public Library at 401-364-6211. Tom Tetzner, USFWS Volunteer